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## Predict Excise Tax OK

**Senator Knowland Believes President Will Sign Bill With \$912 Million In Cuts**

**WASHINGTON** — Senate Republican Leader Knowland (Calif) predicted at the White House today that President Eisenhower would sign an excise tax bill calling for reductions totaling \$912 million dollars as approved by the House.

There was the implication this prediction that the president might not sign it if the bill made cuts as heavy as were voted by the Senate—a total of \$1,034,000,000.

A major cut voted by the Senate, but not approved by the House, was a reduction of the excise or sales tax on household appliances from 10 per cent to 5 per cent. Also the Senate voted to abolish the admissions tax on movie tickets and others costing less than 60 cents. The House voted to cut the tax from 20 to 10 per cent.

A Senate-House conference committee is now trying to work out a compromise between the two bills.

Knowland talked with reporters after he and other GOP congressional leaders had their regular Monday morning conference with Eisenhower.

Asked whether he looks for Eisenhower to approve an excise tax cut, Knowland replied that he has "no doubt" Eisenhower will approve a reduction if the legislation in its final form calls for cuts about the size the House voted.

Asked then whether he was counting on the Senate-House conference committee to knock out the additional cuts voted by the Senate, Knowland replied:

"That is my personal belief."

Knowland and the other leaders discussed the legislative situation with the President.

Knowland said the Senate Republican Policy Committee plans to review with chairmen of the various legislative committees the possibility of speeding up action on the administration lawmaking program.

"We are very anxious," Knowland said, "to get the bulk of the President's program reported to the floor during the month of April."

## Play Festival Opens Tonight For 27th Year

**Extension Clubs Sponsor Event At S-C Auditorium**

The 27th annual Pettis County Dramatics Festival, sponsored by the extension clubs of the county, will be held tonight and Tuesday night in the auditorium of Smith-Cotton High School.

Three plays will be given tonight and there will be special numbers between the three productions.

First on the program will be "A Sense of Values," to be given by the Maplewood Better Homes Club. This will be followed by "Kyno '29," by the Bowling Green Extension Club; with "Orville's Big Date," by the Quisenberry 4-H Club, as the finale.

Special numbers will include: solo by Patricia Chaney, Bryson Extension Club; solo and dance, "Charleston," by Marilyn Garrett, Bowling Green Extension Club; and reading, "Impersonation of Minnie Pearl," by Mrs. Odie Dickinson, Thursday Extension Club.

Two other plays will be given Tuesday night: "Papa Said No," by the Quisenberry Community Club, and "Itchin' to Get Hitched," by Smithton Community.

Tuesday's special numbers will include: solo by Vesta Elliott, accompanied by Jane Wadeigh of Flat Creek Community Club; reading, "Ol' Black Mammy," by Mrs. Claude Crole of Oak Point Community Club; piano duet, the Lazembry sisters of Quisenberry Community Club.

The concluding number on the final program is to be a skit, "Me and My Downtrodden Sex," by Mrs. Emory Myers, with Mrs. Marjorie Shepherd, accompanist of the Georgetown Extension Club.

## Where'd She Go?

Miss Spring was a visitor early Sunday, but in mid-afternoon she made a quite hasty exit and she was still among the missing come Monday. Where, oh where, has our little friend gone?

Cloudy and cold with light freezing drizzle or rain tonight and Tuesday. Low tonight near 25. High Thursday in the 30s.

The temperature at 7 a.m. was 30; 29 at 1 p.m. and 28 at 2 p.m.

On year ago today here high 62, low 39. Two years ago high 75, low 45. Three years ago high 45, low 33, rainfall .70 inch.

Stage at Lake of the Ozarks 44.0, rise .10.

## Time Element In Kidnaper Arrest To Play Big Role In Dolan Trial

**KANSAS CITY** — The government said today the time element in events following the arrest of one of the Greenlease kidnappers would play an important part in the trial of Elmer Dolan, suspended St. Louis policeman on perjury charges.

Edward Scheuffler, U. S. District attorney, told the jury in his opening statement Dolan has told a grand jury that two suitcases containing the nearly \$600,000 in ransom money were delivered to the Newstead Avenue police station between 8:57 and 9:15 p.m. Oct. 6.

The district attorney said the government would present evidence that this was not a fact and Dolan knew it.

Dolan is the first of two officers charged with perjury concerning the handling of the recovered ransom, more than half of which is still missing. Louis Shoulders, former police lieutenant, who said he was tipped off to the kidnaper's presence in St. Louis, will be on trial April 12.

On the stand most of the time before the noon recess was Leo J. Gauthier, supervisor of exhibits section of the FBI in Washington. He gave information concerning a scale model exhibit of the Newstead station which was in the courtroom. Other witnesses were Mrs. Ida Taylor, Joplin, foreman of the grand jury which indicted Dolan; Robert E. Englander, a court reporter who took testimony before the jury, and Wilbur F. Edler, St. Louis, supervisor of property for the St. Louis police department.

Shoulders was not among the witnesses called by the government for the trial. However, his attorney, Henry G. Morris, St. Louis, was among the spectators.

Judge Albert A. Ridge asked the jurors if there were any who had not read about the \$600,000 kidnapping case and subsequent developments regarding the missing ransom money. None raised his hand.

"I want each of you to search your minds," he cautioned, against bias or prejudice.

Judge Ridge read the names of 14 persons expected to be called as witnesses. Among them were five members of the St. Louis police department.

In the courtroom was a large wooden model of the Newstead Avenue police station at St. Louis, where some of the ransom money was taken after the first arrest in the case.

A grand jury, investigating the disappearance of \$303,720 of the \$600,000 ransom, charged Dolan with giving "untrue and false" testimony in connection with two suits containing ransom money.

Dolan told the jury he and Louis Shoulders, a resigned St. Louis police lieutenant who also faces a perjury trial April 12, each carried one of the suitcases into a police station where they took Carl Austin Hall after arresting him in a St. Louis apartment.

Hall and his accomplice, Mrs. Bonnie Brown Headley, were executed Dec. 17 for the kidnap-slaying of 6-year-old Bobby Greenlease.

Dolan testified it was only a matter of minutes after Hall was taken into the station by Shoulders that he went in with one suitcase. He said Shoulders took the other.

The grand jury indictment means the section can be stricken from the bill on the House floor by an objection from a single member.

The Appropriations Committee decided the Appropriations Committee had exceeded its authority by going into a legislative matter beyond its jurisdiction, in providing for 20,000 public housing units to be started in the fiscal year beginning July 1.

The Rules Committee decision means the section can be stricken from the bill on the House floor by an objection from a single member.

In a confession read in district court before his execution, Hall said "neither the money nor the suitcases were brought to the station with me."

Several witnesses who were at the police station testified before the grand jury they saw no suitcases brought into the station with Hall.

These are units on which construction commitments already have been made.

The President has asked for a four-year program aimed at building 140,000 low-rent public housing units.

The Rules Committee apparently wiped out any chance for House backers of public housing to make a successful fight on the issue in connection with the pending appropriations bill.

They will have a chance, however, to raise the issue when a general housing bill comes up later in the week.

They were promised help today from Rep. Javets (R-Lib.-NY), who said in a statement today that the committee action "must be protested and at least the 33,000 public housing units requested must be restored." He added:

"I shall fight for this in every way I can. It is essential in order to redeem the President's program of which housing is a vital part."

Slum clearance and urban redevelopment for big cities is a practical impossibility without a component of public housing," he said, and federal public housing is essential if any appreciable municipal or state-aided housing is to be expected.

There was no advance indication what Eisenhower would recommend.

**Democratic Ward Meetings Begin Tonight**

Democrat ward meetings begin tonight with a First Ward session at Mark Twain School. Tuesday the second Ward meeting will be at Jefferson School. Both are called for 7:30 p.m.

Speakers at the meeting tonight will be John McCloskey and Frank Hayes with William Brown and Lawrence Barnett to speak Tuesday night.

## Siamese Twins, Part Of Triplets, Said In Poor Condition

**MONTREAL** — Siamese twins girls, part of a set of triplets born to a Montreal housewife Saturday, were reported in "poor" condition early today. The third baby girl was said to be normal and in good shape.

Local doctors said they had never heard of Siamese babies as part of a triple birth. The Siamese pair were joined by skin and bone at the top of their heads.

The triplets were born to Mrs. James Savage, 31-year-old wife of a local jewelry salesman. The couple have three other children, a boy 9 and daughters 8 and 7.

## GOP Fourth Ward Meeting Is Tonight

The Fourth Ward meeting of the City Republican Committee is to be held at the Broadway School at 7:30 o'clock tonight. Earl Crawford, well known local attorney, will give the principal talk of the evening.

Harry W. Walsh will preside over the meeting and introduce the various candidates on the city Republican ticket.

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## Rescued Survivors Go Home

**Only 4 Lose Lives As 1,500 Are Safe In Dramatic Rescue From Burning Ship**

**ALGIERS**, Algeria — A first shipload of British soldiers, rescued from the burning trooper Empire Windrush, sailed for home today thankful to be alive after one of the most spectacular rescues in naval history.

Some 1,500 Britons—among them 277 women and children and 17 invalid soldiers—calmly and quickly abandoned the blazing ship yesterday morning 20 miles offshore in the Mediterranean and were rescued safely.

Four crewmen of the 14,651-ton transport died when an engine room explosion sent fire and choking smoke racing through the vessel.

London newspapers speculated the ship had been sabotaged but admiralty and transport ministry authorities refused to comment on this. The speculation was heightened because she had just been through the Suez Canal, where the Egyptians are waging a ceaseless campaign to force out the \$80,000 British troops stationed there.

The burned out hull was reportedly still glowing today and the admiral said she would be towed out of the sea lanes as soon as personnel could be put aboard.

Most of the persons aboard were military personnel and their families on the way home from the Far East and the Suez.

The fire broke out while almost all aboard except the deck crew were still in their quarters. The ship was pushing easily through an exceptionally calm sea, about 50 miles northwest of Algiers. Then the flames began licking upward into the upper decks.

"All our electric equipment went out," said the ship's captain, William Wilson. "The loud speakers would not work."

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Nobody lost his head, not even the women and children. They were the first to be put aboard the lifeboats.

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## 'The Easter Bird,' Little People's Story, Begins Today

"The Easter Bird," an Easter story about the "Little people," begins today in The Democrat.

In strip form, the story of the popular characters, seen before in this newspaper for other special occasions, will continue through April 16.

## Egypt Government Cancels All Plans To Hold Elections

**Military Regime Will Continue to Hold Tight Grip on Nation Despite Previous Announcements of Easing Its Controls**

**CAIRO**, Egypt — Egypt's military government announced yesterday that all previous decisions to conduct constituent assembly pain here. Fetch a doctor! He was helped to the air force revolution council in July have headquarters at the airport and an aide said he lapsed into unconsciousness for some time.

At 11:45 a.m. his aide, Maj. Ismail Farid, said Naguib had recovered and had eaten a light breakfast.

## US Problem On Telling Its Secrets

**Wants to Keep Some, Yet Tell Russians Enough, for Scare**

**WASHINGTON** — The United States is tangled in the problem of keeping its military secrets while at the same time letting Russia learn enough about American armament to deter her from trying war.

This perplexity is involved in the current discussion over how much should be revealed officially about the thermonuclear bomb tests.

How do you convince the Soviet government and its military command that war wouldn't pay off, without also telling too much detail about the nature and size of the force ready to hit them if they make the gamble?

Moscow officials are realists, never ready to accept unofficial accounts, demanding solid technical facts before they can be convinced. They want to know, and unfortunately have been able in the past to get the

## Senate Probe Of McCarthy Charge Stalls

**WASHINGTON** — A Senate investigation of charges hurled by Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis) and high Army officials was still stalled today by failure to obtain a satisfactory special counsel.

Sen. Mundt (R-SD), who temporarily has replaced McCarthy as chairman of the Senate Investigations subcommittee while it makes the probe, said he did not see how public hearings could start before next week.

With Sens. McClellan (D-Ark) and Jackson (D-Wash), he has been sounding out various prospects for the counsel's job.

With the probe hanging fire, the Progressive magazine, founded by the late Sen. Robert M. LaFollette Sr., in 1909 and published in Madison, Wis., announced it had devoted its April issue to a study of McCarthy.

In a news release, the magazine said the "comprehensive, carefully documented study" came to the conclusion that "this man who has made anti-communism his political career has contributed dangerously to strengthening the communists."

McCarthy, shown a copy of the magazine, said he had no comment.

The row being investigated by the subcommittee has centers around an Army report declaring that McCarthy and Roy Cohn, chief counsel of the subcommittee, tried to pressure the Army into giving special treatment to G. David Schine, a former unpaid subcommittee consultant drafted as a private last November.

McCarthy and Cohn not only disputed it but countered with the charge that Secretary of the Army Robert T. Stevens and the Army's counselor, John G. Adams, had attempted to use Schine as a "hostage" to "blackmail" them into halting a probe of what the senator has called "coddling" of Communists in the Army.

Mundt said that even though the subcommittee investigation of these charges has been delayed, "I think we ought to finish this job before we have any other hearings."

His statement was in line with an agreement made by the subcommittee members that they would devote themselves to the probe to the exclusion of all other hearings.

McCarthy said last week that in view of the delay that has developed, however, he intended to poll his subcommittee colleagues on whether they should start hearings on evidence which he said the staff had gathered about Communists in defense plants and graft and corruption in Alaskan development projects.

In a weekend statement Mundt said it was difficult to understand "the almost feverish interest" in the subcommittee probe. He declared that "no high crime against the government" such as treason, disloyalty or corruption was involved in the McCarthy-Army dispute.

"Involved here at worst," he said, "are misconduct and misrepresentation by one or more individuals connected with the Army or the Senate committee or both but, unless perjury is subsequently committed in sworn testimony before our committee, no crime punishable by law is now charged or indicated."

Mundt also said that while the ramifications that might develop in the course of the hearings could not be predicted, Stevens and McCarthy now appear "primarily as defenders of personnel working under them rather than as principal disputants."

## Pupils Still Enjoy Vacation as Strike Of Teachers Holds

**MADISON**, Ill. — About 2,700 public school children enjoyed another holiday here today as a strike by AFL teachers moved into its sixth day.

The teachers, members of the AFL American Federation of teachers' union, said last night the teachers will not return to work until Gitcho is reinstated.

A meeting of the school board has been called for tonight to consider any new proposals that might be made by the teachers, but Megele said unless the union is invited to the session, representatives will not be present.

Spokesmen for the union and school board said the six public schools would be closed today.

A citizens' committee started circulating petitions Saturday asking for the removal of four board members for alleged "failure to carry out their duties" in not keeping schools open.

The four members—John Bellcoff, Oel Blumstock, Henry Baumgard and John Crnkovich—voted to abolish Gitcho's job. Charles Skinner, the remaining board member and president, had opposed the move.

## Paul Selken to Judge State Dairy Contests

Paul Selken, Smithton, has been named official judge of the Future Farmers of America State Dairy Judging Contests which will be at Central Missouri State College, Warrensburg, April 2. He will place all the breed classes in the contests.

## OBITUARIES

### Mrs. Amanda Close

Mrs. Amanda Lee Close, 74, one of Sedalia's well known residents, 907 South Lamine, died shortly before midnight Sunday, March 28, at Bothwell Hospital, where she had been a patient since Thursday.

Mrs. Close was born at Bunceton, Cooper County, Jan. 28, 1880, daughter of Weeden and Bettie Stephens, and had resided in Sedalia the greater portion of her life.

Many years she had been a member of the Fifth Street Methodist Church and was a charter member of the WSCS and her Sunday school class. She was a member of the Loyal Rebekah Lodge, No. 260, and the Past Noble Grands Club, the Loyal Sewing Club and the Violet Camp, No. 607, Royal Neighbors of America.

A daughter, Miss Geraldine Close, died on Dec. 16, 1945, and a brother, Warren Stephens, Feb. 23, 1949.

Survivors include a nephew, Louis Steiglzer, Beggs, Okla., and several remote relatives.

The body was taken to the Gillespie Funeral Home, where funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, the Rev. H. U. Campbell, Lexington, a former pastor of the Fifth Street Methodist Church, officiate.

Mrs. M. O. Stevens and Mrs. George Loverscamp will sing "Home of the Soul," "Just As I Am" and "Going Home." Mrs. Mae Moser will be at the organ.

The body will remain at the Gillespie Funeral Home until after the services.

### Mrs. Owen Ball Services

Funeral rites for Mrs. Mary Lorraine Ball, wife of Owen Ball, 1622 West Broadway, who died at Bothwell Hospital Friday afternoon, were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Broadway Presbyterian Church.

The pastor, the Rev. D. Warren Neal, officiated.

Russell Maag sang "God's Tomorrow" and "Abide With Me." Miss Lillian Fox was at the organ. Burial was in Sunset Hill Cemetery, Warrensburg.

The body was at the Gillespie Funeral Home up to the hour of services.

### Howard Blaue

Howard Blaue, former Sedalian, died from a heart attack during his sleep at 11 p.m. Saturday at his home in Chicago, according to word received here by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Blaue, 1316 South Carr.

The body will arrive in Sedalia Wednesday noon and be taken to the Gillespie Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon.

### Ray W. Hunt Services

Funeral rites for Ray W. Hunt, 1405 West Third, who died Friday at the U. S. Veterans Hospital, Wadsworth, Kan., were held at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Gillespie Funeral Home, the Rev. D. Warren Neal, pastor of the Broadway Presbyterian Church officiating, assisted by the Rev. Lee F. Soxman, pastor of the Fifth Street Methodist Church.

Organ music was played by Mrs. Mae Moser.

Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery.

### Archie M. Decker Services

Funeral services for Archie M. Decker, 53, of 1421 South Ohio, who died Thursday night, were held at the Ewing Funeral Home at 2:30 p.m. Sunday. The Rev. Thomas W. Croxton, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiated, assisted by Rev. Walter P. Arnold, pastor of the East Sedalia Baptist Church.

The men's quartette from the First Baptist Church, Aubrey Case, Carl Yessen, Ralph Hodges and Kenneth Farley, sang "Abide With Me" and "Rock of Ages," accompanied by Mrs. Clyde Williams at the piano.

Program chairman for the day was W. O. Stanley.

Guests introduced by Robert Johnson were the Rev. Walter P. Arnold, and Rev. L. L. Johnson, Shawnee, Okla., of Carl McIntire; David Keller, of Curtis Schupack; the Rev. David M. Bryan and the Rev. Roy Fields, Springfield, of Foster Scotten; and Rotarian Stephen J. Williams, Kansas City.

**Papermakers Will Vote  
On Whether to Give  
Party or Gymnasium**

**WESTBROOK**, Maine — Papermakers at the S. D. Warren mill will vote April 10 on this question: Shall the company celebrate its centennial by throwing a big party or by giving \$100,000 for a high school gymnasium?

President George Olmstead Jr. and Manager Everett Ingalls said today their first thought was a party for all 2,700 workers and their families.

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Funeral Home in Fort Scott and burial was there.

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Rev. Roy Fields

## Rev. Fields Leads Christian Church Services This Week

First Christian Church opened a week of preaching services last night with the Rev. Roy Fields of Springfield as speaker. He is remembered by a great many people in Sedalia as the president of the Missouri state convention of the Christian Churches when that group met in Sedalia in 1949.

Rev. Fields is a graduate of Phillips University. He is currently president of the Springfield Ministerial Alliance and president of the board of directors of Drury School of Religion at Springfield. He is known over the state for his keen mind, his unusually fine sense of humor, and his powerful preaching. He is one of Springfield's most popular after-dinner speakers and is forced to turn down many more invitations than he is able to accept.

Services will continue at the Christian Church throughout this week, each evening at 7:30. In this evening's sermon, "My Name is Man!" Mr. Fields will describe the crucifixion experience as though he were one of the disciples. He will preach in the first person and will tell of the meaning of and the power of the cross.

**S-C Music Group  
Gives Program  
At Rotary Club**

Robert Carl Schackels, 10½-year-old son of Mrs. Irene Schackels, 1800 South Osage, Sedalia, was admitted to Children's Mercy Hospital March 16. He fell from a 10-foot ladder and struck his head, but x-rays show no concussion. On Saturday afternoon his condition was "fairly good."

Linda Lucille Hunter, 6-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hunter, 1206 South Grand, Sedalia, was admitted at Mercy Hospital March 26 for eye service.

James Chapman, 2217 West Second, who has been a patient at the Veterans Administration Hospital at Wadsworth, Kan., receiving treatment, expects to return home Tuesday.

David J. Harms, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Harms, 1017 South Lamine, was admitted to St. Luke's Hospital, Kansas City, Thursday for surgery. He will be there 10 days and his room number is 310.

**Marriage Licenses**

Alfred Wilson, Loose Creek, and Etta Stockman, Jefferson City.

John C. Semon Jr., Alexandria, Ind., and Rose Marie Clark, Sedalia.

**Accidents**

A collision between a 1937 Chevrolet sedan, driven by George Estes, 2201 East 10th, and a Buick sedan, driven by Earl E. "Potts" Evans, 620 Wilkerson, at Broadway and Lamine, resulted in considerable damage to the Buick. The accident occurred about 12 midnight Saturday.

Pallbearers were Claude Boul, Frank Coffman, George Arquitt, Frank Lewis, Lloyd Kirkpatrick and Fred Arbogast.

Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery.

**Mrs. Charles Ritchie Services**

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the Ritchie Baptist Church, southeast of Stover, for Mrs. Charles Ritchie, who died Friday at her home at Perle Springs.

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## DAILY RECORD

### Future Subscribers

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Daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Joseph McEniry, 2011 West Broadway, at Bothwell Hospital at 6:20 a.m. March 29.

Son to Mr. and Mrs. Alden D. Futscher, Hughesville, at Bothwell Hospital at 6:03 a.m. March 28. Weight, five pounds.

Daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Glen Johnson, La Monte, at Bothwell Hospital at 1:07 p.m. March 28. Weight, seven pounds, four ounces.

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**Woodiean Brown,  
J. R. Welliver  
Exchange Vows**

Miss Woodiean Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Brown, Cole Camp, became the bride of Mr. John Robert Welliver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Welliver, Sedalia, Route 1, Tuesday morning, March 2, at nine o'clock at the Sacred Heart rectory.

The Rev. A. J. Brunswick performed the double-ring ceremony in the presence of the immediate families.

The bride wore a one piece dress of navy blue with red accessories. Her corsage was of red rose buds.

Miss Marguerite Welliver, sister of the groom, was maid of honor. She wore a navy blue dress with white accessories and her corsage was of white carnations.

Mr. Donald Dick served as best man.

Immediately following the ceremony, a brunch was served at the home of the groom's parents for the wedding party and immediate families. The bride's table was covered with a lace cloth, centered with a three tiered wedding cake, topped with a miniature bride and groom. White candles and carnations completed the decorations. Those who assisted with the serving were Miss Anna Alt and Mrs. Henry Alt, both aunts of the groom.

The couple left for a short honeymoon in Southern Missouri, and are now at home at 600½ South Washington, Sedalia.

**Spring Party Enjoyed  
By Sweet Springs BPW**

A spring party was enjoyed at the regular meeting of the Business and Professional Women's Club of Sweet Springs Thursday evening in the home economics room at the high school.

A committee, composed of Mrs. Edgar Daniel, Mrs. Howard Reavis, Mrs. N. L. Yankee and Mrs. Adella Hicklin, served dinner.

The tables held arrangements of Jonquils and place mats of yellow straw. Miniature hats in spring design were used as place cards.

Each member wore a spring hat of original creation. Mrs. Elmer Whitworth was awarded the prize for the most original model.

Mrs. Charles Huff, president, presided during the business meeting. The songs of Irving Berlin was the program theme.

It was announced that the Fortnightly Club is sponsoring a contest offered by the General Federation of Women's Clubs to the high school students who write the best essay on "What America Means to Me." The awards are \$1,000 and a trip to New York, Washington D. C., and Philadelphia. Eleven students of the Sweet Springs High School have entered the contest.

**Social Calendar**

**MONDAY**  
Willing Toilers Class of the Epworth Methodist Church will meet at 6:30 for contributive dinner.

**TUESDAY**  
Sedalia Couple Dance Class, at Whittier gymnasium, 8 p. m.

**Wednesday**  
Ernest Endeavor Sunday School Class of the Epworth Methodist Church in the church dining room at 6 p. m. for dinner and business meeting. Members to bring a covered dish.

**Thursday**  
Merriopathy Sunday School class of the Fifth Street Methodist Church at 12:30 for a spring luncheon. Executive meeting preceding the business meeting.

**WSCS** of the Hughesville Methodist Church at the home of Mrs. Floyd Thomason.

Tanglewood Extension Club at the school at 8 p. m.

**Women's Association** of the Broadway Presbyterian Church monthly luncheon meeting at 12 noon.

**Women's Guild** of the Immanuel Evangelical and Reformed Church at 1 p. m., luncheon, program and meeting at the church.

**WSCS** of Goodwill Chapel at the home of Mrs. E. C. Stevens, Sedalia, route 2.

**Women's Society of Christian Service** of the Fifth Street Methodist Church will meet at the church at 10 a. m.

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**Scott Webber An Englishman Again for Playhouse Cast**



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**Marriage  
At Clinton**

Mrs. Sue Harrell and Mr. Carol Norfleet, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ab Norfleet, Houstonia, were united in marriage March 12 at Clinton.

The bride is a former resident of Pleasant Hill, and the groom was formerly a barber in Houstonia.

They are at home at Blue Springs and the groom is employed at the Lake City Arsenal.

**Boy Is Suing  
Over Hallowe'en  
Mask Injury**

NEW YORK (AP) — A St. Louis, Mo., youth is suing for \$100,000 in state Supreme Court in Brooklyn because a Hallowe'en mask allegedly burst into flames and disfigured his face when he was 5 years old.

The youth is Kenneth Lange, now 16. He claims Dessart Bros., Brooklyn mask makers, sold the "highly inflammable" mask without warning buyers of the danger. The firm has entered a general denial.

Young Lange's parents have testified in the trial that he has numerous facial scars and scar tissue growths and a mouth deformity. He is unable to close his eyes completely even when asleep, they said.

According to medical testimony, he already has undergone plastic surgery and expects several more operations, but probably will not recover completely.

Kenneth wore the mask at a Hallowe'en party at his home Oct. 31, 1942. He is said to have been playing near a lighted candle when the mask burst into flames.

Trials of the suit was delayed until now by the deaths of the youth's attorney and of a witness.

He said the men, whose names he withheld, apparently fashioned the gun from materials they were allowed to keep in their cells for making curios.

The 1954 winner is chairman of the Department of Chemistry at the University of Rochester.

His award was announced Saturday night at the 125th meeting of the American Chemical Society. Noyes will receive the medal, named for Joseph Priestley, 18th Century British chemist, at a New York state legislative committee that recently conducted a similar probe.

**Begins 'Charity  
Racket' Check-up**

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Senate Judiciary subcommittee called its first public hearing today in a probe aimed at determining extent of "charity rackets." Witnesses called included New York State Sen. Bernard Tompkins, chairman of a New York state legislative committee that recently conducted a similar probe.

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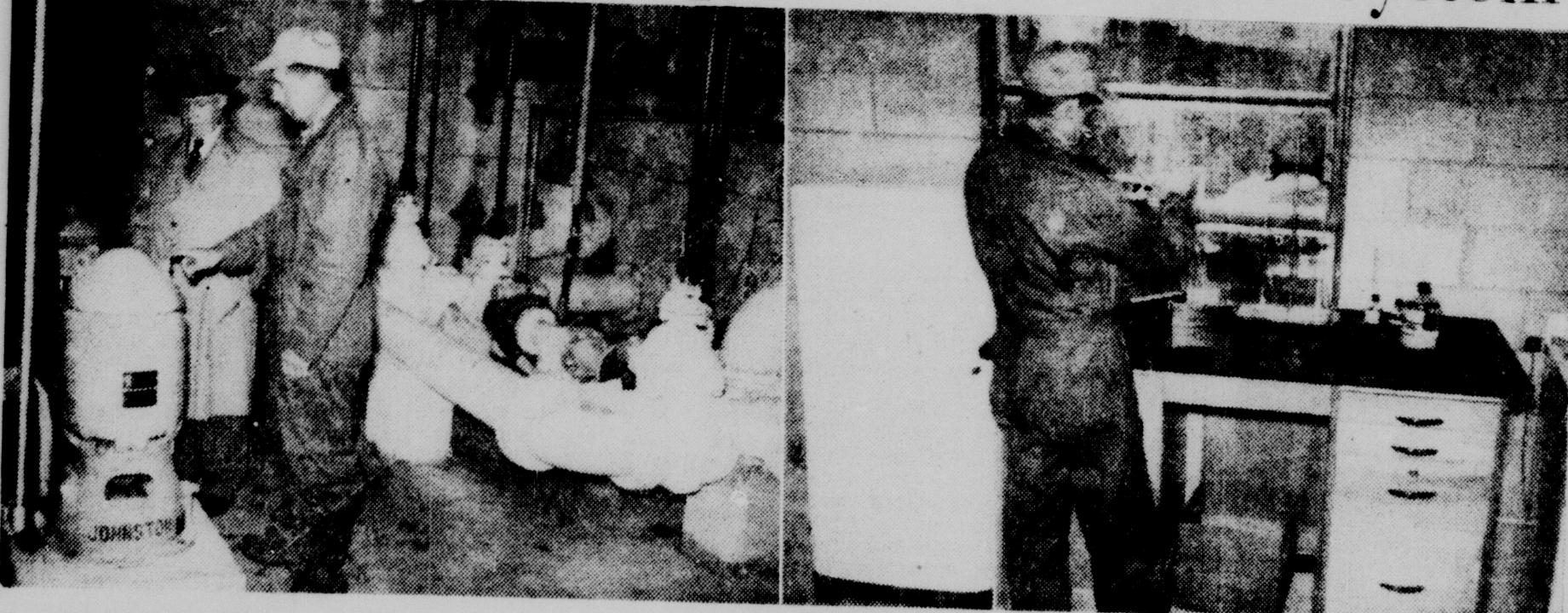
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# Sweet Springs Completes New Water System



**THESE PUMPS CONTROL SYSTEM** — William Smith, right, the new \$160,000 water system just completed. Two pumps are used alternately to flush the filters, while a third pump keeps the high tower supplied.

## Includes Treatment Plant, Reservoir, Mains Extension

The new \$160,000 water system at Sweet Springs will go into operation April 15.

The water will be pumped from Blackwater River instead of the deep wells now used. The well water is too hard, too corrosive and obnoxious to drink, Mayor R. Q. Jones reports.

Only three years ago the town, with a population of about 1,500, put in a sewer system costing \$176,000.

Plans for the new system began shortly after World War II, when a planning committee of 80 members was appointed by Mayor E. H. Hill. The committee first planned the sewer system and then tackled the water problem.

After the sewer system was in, the city hired Russell and Aron, St. Louis consulting engineers, to survey the needs and recommend a water system. In the fall of 1952, the citizens voted for a \$145,000 bond issue. Bids were called for, and it was discovered that the bond issue had not been enough. Consequently another \$20,000 was voted in the spring of 1943.

The project is being handled by the Riley and Stiers Construction Co., St. Louis, and the Midwest Ditching Co. The task was begun last August. Except for a few minor details, the plant is now ready to operate.

Under the old system, the water has been pumped directly from the deep wells into the high tower. The wells will now be kept on a stand-by basis. Under the new system, the water will be pumped from Blackwater into a new reservoir located west of town and having a capacity of 12,000,000 gallons. It will be pumped into the reservoir at a rate of 350 gallons a minute.

From there it will be pumped as needed into the treatment plant just south of town where it will be mixed with alum, lime and chlorine. It will then move outside to the settling basins, where heavy impurities will sink to the bottom. It will then be pumped inside the plant, this time to the filtering tanks. These tanks each contain three layers of gravel topped by one layer of sand.

Passing through the filters, the water will then be pumped to the high tower, which has a capacity of 40,000 gallons. It will also be checked to be sure the chloride is within the desired limit and that the water does not contain harmful bacteria.

The amount of water pumped from the treatment plant to the high tower is governed automatically by a float in the tower which controls a pump in the plant.

The plant itself is a two-story structure, the first story being constructed of reinforced concrete, and the second floor contains the pumps, heating system and the treatment tanks. The entrance opens into a second floor containing the mixing controls, filtering controls and water-testing apparatus.

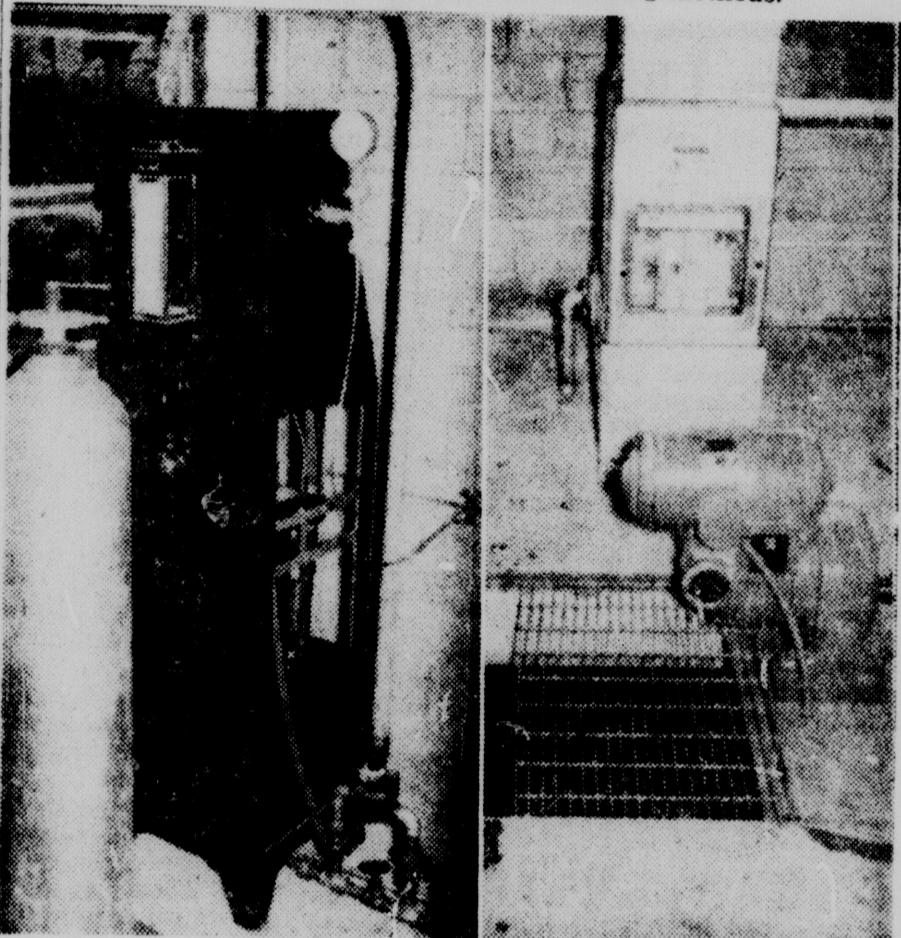
In addition to the new treatment plant, reservoir and pump station at the reservoir, there has been an extension of water mains to cover every home and business building in town, involving about 5,000 feet of extra pipe.

In charge of the new system will be William Smith, former Sweet Springs alderman. He was on the water committee when the new system was being planned. He will succeed Richard Harrison, water superintendent for five years, who is retiring because of old age.

This summer Smith will attend a ten-day course in water treatment and testing at the University of Missouri, and will do the same next year. Until then he will operate the plant under the supervision of the state board of health. The system will also get formal approval by the health board.

The new system will be dedi-

**WATER IS TESTER HERE** — Smith, new superintendent of the waterworks, demonstrates how the water will be tested once it has passed through the mixing tank, the settling tanks and the filters. He will attend a special course this summer at the University of Missouri to learn more testing methods.



**EQUIPMENT IS MODERN** — At left is one of the two chlorinators in the treatment plant. This one adds chlorine to the water when it is first pumped from the reservoir. Another may be used to add more chlorine to the treated water after filtration, if necessary. At right is the mixing tank covered by a grill, with the mixer in the foreground and, in the background, the control for adding alum to the water. ((Staff Photo.)

### Polio Victim Gets Help Enough to Aid Children Like Him

PROVIDENCE, R. I. (AP) — So many persons helped Andy Charlette, 5-year-old polio victim, when his tricycle was smashed by youthful vandals that he was able to help other polio victims.

The spokesman, Maj. Mohamad Ishaq, senior Jordan military delegate to the U. N. Mixed Arab-Israeli Commission, said the Israelis also demolished some houses then withdrew to Israel after an hour.

Ishaq said the attack was made on the village of Nahalin in the section of Palestine occupied by Jordan since the 1948 war with Israel.

He said the Jordanian casualties included 6 National Guardsmen and 3 Arab Legionnaires killed, and 12 National Guardsmen and 4 Arab Legionnaires wounded.

The reported attack raised the threat of sharp Arab retaliation against Israel. Representatives of the seven Arab states said in Washington last week after conference with U. S. Secretary of State Dulles that an aggression by Israel against any one of the Arab nations would be regarded as an attack "upon them all."

Relations between Israel and her Arab neighbor to the east have grown progressively worse since some 53 Arabs were killed in an Israeli raid on the Jordan border village of Kibya last October.

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — An old man who fought in a war before automobiles and airplanes were heard of watched sleek sport cars flash along jet plane runways yesterday.

Walter W. Williams, 111, Confederate veteran and oldest of five living Civil War soldiers, was honorary commander of Bergstrom Air Force Base here during the National Sports Car Races.

He was flown from Bryan, near his home at Franklin, Tex.

He wore a Confederate uniform flown from Hollywood. His old uniform was destroyed by fire years ago.

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By ED CORRIGAN  
AP Sports Writer

Dilemmas—those things that chop years off the life of a major league manager—are nothing new to Al Lopez of the Cleveland Indians. He's had a king-sized one since he took over the Tribe and has been trying to beat out the New York Yankees for the American League pennant.

But now he has a brand new one: what to do with Rudy Re-gado.

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Meanwhile, ancient Vic Raschi is warming the cockles of St. Louis Cardinal Manager Eddy Stanky's heart. He went five innings against his old mates and gave up five hits yesterday. The Cards won the ball game 42.

The 35-year-old right-hander, who was dealt to the Redbirds last month, has worked 21 innings for the Cards and has given up 16 hits and only five earned runs.

It was a strange feeling for Raschi to throw against his old mates and he admitted it.

"I was worried stiff I might hit one of them," he said. "I was very careful about not throwing too close to them. I guess they felt the same way about batting against me. There was no jockeying at all. I probably could have gone another inning, but I felt tired. I'm sure I can go the full nine innings the next time I pitch."

The amazing Baltimore Orioles continued to wield big bats. They clubbed the Chicago Cubs 19-14 with Don Lenhardt hitting three home runs and driving in seven runs.

Ferris Fains, the two-time American League batting king, collected two doubles and a single in the Chicago White Sox' 10-5 victory over the Brooklyn Dodgers.

The Boston Red Sox turned back the Detroit Tigers 2-1 in 11 innings. Karl Olson hit a single off Dick Donovan to drive in the winning run.

The Philadelphia Phillies beat the Cincinnati Redlegs 6-4 on the wings of Earl Torgerson's two-run homer, and the Philadelphia Athletics edged the Pittsburgh Pirates 3-1 when starting pitcher Alex Kellner took matters into his own hands and hit a two-run double for the winners.

The two major league clubs that got into action against their farmhands suffered disaster. The Atlanta Crackers dealt the Milwaukee Braves a 2-1 defeat and the Chattanooga Lookouts whipped the Washington Senators 43.

The Braves suffered another injury when catcher Sam Calderon jammed a finger in his throwing hand trying for a wild pitch by Warren Spahn.

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## Phillies Trade Young, \$60,000 for Morgan

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Their Connie Mack stadium landlords, the Athletics, also completed a deal yesterday, sending Catch Ray Murray to the Baltimore Orioles for an undisclosed amount of cash.

The Phillies have been in-field strength for some time. They have two positions in the infield they are wary about: Willie Jones at third base has not hit as well as was expected when he broke in with the club several years ago and shortstop Ted Kazanski is expected to don army khaki soon.

In Morgan the Phillies have a 27-year-old who has played all in-field positions in three years with Brooklyn. He batted .260 in 69 games last year. In 1949 he was named the most valuable player in the International League while leading that league in batting.

The National League is 79 years old. Warren C. Giles is its tenth president.

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### Sports Roundup...

## Alston Is Modest Fellow When He Talks of Dodger Chances

By GAYLE TALBOT

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Mantle's Knee Improves

TAMPA, Fla., (AP)—Mickey Mantle, the injured New York Yankee outfielder, said today his bad right knee is "getting better and better."

But no one seemed to want to predict that he'd start the season. The consensus among the experts here is that Mickey won't be ready.

Rookie Has a Chance

LAKELAND, Fla., (AP) — Young Frank Bolling has a chance of latching on to the regular second base job with the Detroit Tigers. Even the veteran Fred Hatfield, who has first call on it, says so.

"I mean it," says Hatfield. Bolling is the 22-year-old youngster whom the tigers have carefully guided upward through their farm schools. His last stop was at Buffalo.

### Santee Begins Series Of Tries for Outdoor Four-Minute Mile

CHICAGO (AP) — Having had to forget about running a four-minute mile indoors this season, Kansas' great Wes Santee now begins a series of tries for the mark outdoors.

Santee ended his indoor season Saturday in the Chicago Daily News relays, running in a dash pointing 4:11.8 in the Bankers mile and beating Lawton Lamb by only 15 feet.

Afterwards, Santee said "It was just one of those things" and that he wasn't discouraged.

"I ran without spikes," he said, "and it was a lot more slippery than I thought it would be."

The 21-year-old miler makes his first 1954 outdoor appearance at the Texas relays this weekend.

Saturday's capacity Chicago Stadium crowd of 17,618 gave Santee whooping backing throughout his effort but the real show-stealer turned out to be veteran Hal Whitefield, the Olympic champion.

He was the meet's only double-winner, taking the 600-yard run in 1:10.0 and setting a meet record of 2:10.5 in the 1,000-yard run.

### Exhibition Baseball

SUNDAY'S RESULTS  
Boston (A) 2, Detroit (A) 1  
Baltimore (A) 19, Chicago (N) 14  
Chicago (A) 10, Brooklyn (N) 5  
New York (N) 10, Cleveland (A) 4

St. Louis (N) 4, New York (A) 2  
Philadelphia (A) 3, Pittsburgh (N) 1  
Chattanooga (SA) 4, Washington (A) 3  
Philadelphia (N) 6, Cincinnati (N) 4  
Atlanta (SA) 2, Milwaukee (N) 1

### Weekend Fights

Syracuse—Carmine Fiore, 147, Brooklyn, decisioned Italo Scorticini, 154, Italy (10).

Hollywood—Willie Vaughan, 162, Hollywood, decisioned Pete Servin, 162, Hollywood (10).

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## Kid and Bobo Meet Friday For a Title

NEW YORK (AP)—Welterweight champion Kid Gavilan and middleweight ruler Carl (Bobo) Olson meet Friday for Olson's crown in an outstanding bout that tops one of the greatest weekly boxing programs in years.

Leading contenders are a dozen on the International card. In addition to Olson and Gavilan, here are some of the other luminaries of the game who will throw leather this week:

Featherweight champion Sandy Saddler, heavyweight contenders Dan Buceroni, Roland LaStarza, Don Cockell and Tommy Khurricane Jackson; Randy Turpin, Del Flanagan, Yolande Pompey, Floyd Patterson, Percy Bassett, George Araujo, Art Persley and Armand Savoie, among others.

Olson and Gavilan collide in the Chicago Stadium, which is scaled to handle 19,400 customers and \$360,000. The 15-round title bout will be broadcast (ABC) and telecast (NBC) coast to coast. Chicago and a 100-mile area around the Windy City will be blacked out of the telecast.

"When do you intend to start scouting the Yankees for the World Series? Alone in July?"

"No, we've got to win the pennant first. That's a big enough job."

"How's Jackie Robinson been looking? Are you only going to play him in the outfield?"

"Jackie stumbled off a step and strained his knee and I've been letting him take it easy, kind of set his own pace getting in shape. He'll be ready. Outfield will be his regular job, but I expect to use him around the infield when we need him. He's a good man to have around."

"You think the team is good enough to win again, don't you?"

"That's hard to answer. From what I hear and read three other clubs, Milwaukee, N. Y., St. Louis are going to be stronger than they were last year. Cincinnati looks good to me too. Those big fellows of theirs really whaled our pitchers when they were over on the other coast."

"Do you think you've added any strength? Not that you needed to?"

"We'll be the same club except that we've got two pitchers, Don Newcombe and Erv Palica, back from the Army. Newcombe is throwing good and his weight is down where it belongs. Whether he will pitch the way he did before he went into the Army is something we'll have to wait and see. I sure hope he does. He pitched for me in the minors."

Dressen Changed For Better Since Leaving Dodgers

MONTEREY, Calif. (AP) — Crafty left-hander Charles (Chuck) Dressen, who reversed form when he left the Brooklyn Dodgers management to mastermind Oakland of the Pacific Coast League, says he has acquired a lot of peace of mind in Fontana.

Wednesday night's TV fight

matches lightweight contenders

Persley, Red Cross, Lee and Sa-

vole, Montreal, in a ten at the St. Louis arena.

The Saturday night TV head-

liner sends Bassett, No. 1 feather-

weight contender, against Cisco

(The Kid) Andrade, undefeated

in 26-year-old Cuban Flash.

Buceroni, third-ranking heavy-

weight challenger, is risking a pos-

sible September title fight in tak-

ing on Jackson, a nonstop puncher

from New York, and Cockell

the No. 5 challenger from Eng-

land. Montebello, in a 10-round-

er, will be the underdog.

Other matches featuring "name"

fighters include: Monday—St. Paul

welters Flanagan vs. Billy Pinkus;

Wednesday—Ernie Durando vs.

Ted Ola.

Tuesday—Washington Paterson

vs. Sammy Brown; Thursday—

Araujo vs. Jacques Julien; Cincinnati—Bill Bossio vs.

Eddie Burkin.

One Year Makes Big Difference for Bobby Toski on Golf Green

WILMINGTON, N.C. (AP) — What a difference a year makes. Last spring Bobby Toski finished far back in the pack in the \$10,000 Azalea Open Golf Tournament. His 291 was good for a tie for 26th place.

Today he was \$2,000 richer after leading the field by three shots with a 15-under-par score of 273.

His 70-71 finished followed earlier rounds of 67 and 65 over the 6,652-yard Cape Fear Country Club course.

Second place after a breath-

taking closing surge of 67-67 was

40-year-old George Fazio, Pine

Valley, N.J. He pocketed \$1,400.

The victories marked the fourth

major tournament success in seven

months for the 5-8, 127-pounder

from Massachusetts who now plays

out of Livingston, N.J., where his

brother Ben is a professional.

## Fertilizer Can Offset Price Drop

Fertilizer is still one of your best buys. While the average price of all farm supplies rose 90 per cent from 1943 to 1953 — fertilizer prices rose only 55 percent.

At prevailing prices, George Smith, University of Missouri soils specialist, proper use of fertilizer offers the best opportunity of increasing farm income. He cites experiments during the past ten years showing the difference in returns from small, medium and large fertilizer applications. The experiments were made on Northeast Missouri limed prairie soil in a rotation of corn, soybeans, wheat and mixed hay.

Where only 150 pounds of starter fertilizer costing \$4.50 per acre was used, yields were as follows: corn, 35 bushels per acre; soybeans, 18 bushels; wheat, 17 bushels, and hay, 1 ton per acre.

When 150 pounds of starter fertilizer was used on the corn and 200 pounds on the wheat at a total cost of \$10.50, corn yields were 45 bushels per acre, soybeans and wheat yields 20 bushels each and hay yields 1.2 tons.

In sharp contrast are the following yields where fertilizer was applied according to soil test: corn, 80 bushels per acre; soybeans, 28 bushels; wheat, 32 bushels, and hay, 3 tons. Total cost of the fertilizer used during the four-year rotation was \$39.50 per acre.

What about returns above fertilizer costs? Smith says the low rate of fertilizer use returned \$26.55 per acre during the four-year rotation. The medium rate of fertilizer use returned \$45.30.

But where fertilizer was used according to soil test, the return above fertilizer cost jumped to \$126.65 for the four years of the rotation. Profit is based on the following prices: corn, \$1.40 per bushel; soybeans, \$2.25 per bushel; wheat, \$1.75 per bushel, and hay, \$20 per ton.

## Sudan Grass And Sorgo Prove Roughage Value

The value of sudan grass and sorgo in drought years has been amply illustrated. But in order to have these crops when dry weather strikes they must be included in your regular cropping system.

Sudan grass is the surest summer pastures in a drought year and one of the most productive in a normal year. It also makes fair hay and silage.

Atlas sorgo is also highly drought resistant and it outyields all other crops in tonnage of silage per acre. It also makes fairly good grain and dry forage. Since it takes less Atlas sorgo to make a ton of silage than any other crop, its use releases ground for more corn and other crops.

Piper is the best sudan available to most farmers this year. Greenleaf, a new variety developed in Kansas, is better in some respects than Piper. However, only a small amount of seed is available. The next best choice is common sudan and the third choice is sweet sudan. Be sure to use certified seed.

Axtell is a new variety of sorgo similar to Atlas that you might want to try if you can find seed. It is earlier maturing and stands a little better than Atlas.

If you want to be sure of having sudan and sorgo in case of drought you need to seed them around corn planting time. Both crops respond well to fertilizer. Hence, best yields will usually be obtained where fertilizer is applied according to soil test. Seed 20 to 30 pounds of sudan grass per acre, and 10 to 12 pounds of sorgo per acre.



### Balanced Farming Notes In Put-in County

By MERLE VAUGHAN  
County Agent

#### Bugs Are Here Already

The wife of a proprietor of a local store called me Saturday morning to ask about insecticides. He obliged and as near as I could tell they were red spider.

The local store mentioned has been putting out a circular the last two years on insecticides they stock that are recommended by the University of Missouri for the control of various insects. In that bulletin they suggested an orchard spray in which they used one pound of the dry material in 18 gallons of water.

The recommendation is three quarts of 25% D. D. T. emulsifiable concentrate per acre to be applied in the spring when the aphids become abundant.

Soon after dinner Saturday a man in town called about some tiny spiders that were besieging

his home. It sounded like "red spider" but I asked him to catch a few and bring them to the office.

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For those spiders that were already in the house I suggested the check with one of the local green house operators since red spider is a consistent problem with them and they should have an answer.

#### Grass and Oats Through Drill at Wagners

I was visiting with George Anderson of Smithton recently and he was telling of seeding of grass and fescue for Frank Wagner. George didn't have a grass seeder on his drill so Frank mixed the oats and fescue together and ran them through the grain box.

They have seeded them that way since then and have a good stand each year except 1953 when George said they were pretty spotted.

George was also telling about his new subsoiler. He has been working up his corn ground with it but is leaving some unbroken as a check. I saw an advertisement the other day of a similar subsoiler with a fertilizer attachment to put fertilizer down there to encourage deeper growing roots.

#### Plan Structures At Arnold and Whittalls

Last Friday I spent some time in the northwest part of the county with Charlie Arnold and Gussie Whittall assisting them in planning some structures at the end of terrace outlets. Charlie has a large outlet protecting about 60 acres that drops off into a 5 foot ditch. It was built with the intention of protecting it when necessary from cutting back. It is now cutting back and he is planning to put in a thin section concrete structure there. We checked some figures on concrete needed.

Gussie has an outlet that was first graded down to the bottom of a ditch. To date he has been unable to establish a stand of grass on this "graded down" area and it keeps cutting back. We discussed either a pipe or thin section concrete. The total cost of either is about the same if the labor of putting in the concrete is omitted.

#### Alfalfa Looking Good

On the same trip to the northwest part of the county I was visiting with Forrest Doerhman, Forest and his father seeded 12 acres of alfalfa a year ago last fall. Forrest says it looks even thicker this year than last.

Mrs. Wilbur Hayes of the Prairie Ridge neighborhood says in their field, also seeded a year ago, looks very well since the rain washed off the accumulated dust. Their field was one where a definite response of borax fertilizer was noticed last year.

#### Modernize Your Range Shelter

Poultrymen who are planning to build new range shelters or remodel old ones should consider adding attached side feeders believes a University of Missouri extension poultryman.

Schell Bodenhamer explains that the side feeders enable the birds to eat from either the inside or outside of the range shelter and that the feed is protected from the weather. By placing the side feeders on both sides of the shelter, 48 linear feet of feeding space is provided.

You can get plans for constructing the side feeders as well as complete for building range shelters from your local county agent.

#### Costly Grandsons

In southern India, grandmothers in some castes once had to cut off one finger joint for each grandson born to them, according to the Encyclopedia Britannica.

During the afternoon session, awards will be presented winners in the Missouri Agricultural Extension Service beef cattle production project. Lowell Burns, director of the Agricultural Bureau of the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce will present awards to eastern Missouri winners. Walter Aitzenweiler, agricultural commissioner of the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce will present the awards to western Missouri winners.

Since greatest losses of young pigs are caused by crushing and chilling, the specialists suggest repairing or replacing broken guard rails. And if your sows farrow in cold weather, use supplementary heat. A heat lamp is ideal for this and is easily installed. Another good way to prevent chilling of young pigs is by providing dry, draft free quarters bedded lightly with straw.

If possible, be on hand when your sows farrow to make sure pigs get some of the first milk. And remember...one extra pig saved at farrowing time may mean the difference between profit or loss on the litter.

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## Beef Cattle Meetings Set For April 7

By Merle Vaughan

The two meetings Wednesday, April 7 will be at Gussie Whittall's at 9 a.m. and at Ed Geigley's and Ralph Chaney's at 1:30 p.m. Both castrating and dehorning will be done at Whittall's, while dehorning will be done at Geigley's and castrating at Chaney's. Some calving will also be done at Chaney's and there will be discussion of feed, pasture and bull grading at all meetings.

We recently had the following letter from E. S. Matteson, livestock specialist, which about sums up the situation ahead.

"You have seen the report that beef cattle numbers as of January 1, 1954, were a little higher than on the corresponding date last year. We still have a lot of cattle."

The general price level for cattle is apt to decline somewhat further before it starts up."

"For the beef cattle man to help himself, the cold hard facts are that he must do a better job."

"It looks to us if this is about the situation. Ninety-five per cent of our beef cattle men need to do something now about pasture for 1954 and roughage for winter of '54-'55. About one-third of them will be changing bulls this year. Remember that in general it takes the bulls in the B class to work improvement in our beef cow herds."

"Ninety-nine percent of our beef cattle men will have some calves to steer and two-thirds of them will have some calves that should be dehorned. In addition, many of them still have a problem of getting to grass."

These are some of the things we will talk about at the meetings. Gussie Whittall lives about ten miles northwest of La Monte or two miles west of highway 127 on highway "D" and one-half mile south. Ed Geigley and Ralph Chaney are two miles west of Green Ridge.

**Increase Rate Of Cow's Grain By Adding Water**

We have often heard dairymen, who milk cows in a milking parlor, say that their high producing cows did not have enough time to consume their grain while being milked. In many cases this has been the major objection to milking parlors.

In order to increase the rate of grain consumption under such circumstances, scientists at the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station studied the effect on eating time of adding different amounts of water to the grain. In their trials they used these different ratios of water to grain: (1½ lb. of grain) on fine medium, and coarse ground grain. The largest decrease in eating time in all instances occurred when 1½ lbs. of water was added per pound of concentrate, with all degrees of fineness of grain.

This decrease is explained by the change in the method of eating as the amount of water-to-grain was increased. When 1½ lbs. of water was added, the cows drank the mixture and used their tongues to clean the manger. It was interesting to note that in all instances, the faster the cows consumed their grain, the quicker they milked out. The authors suggest that this relationship may have been the result of a conditioned reflex and/or an increased feeling of satisfaction associated with the ease of eating (psychosomatic response).

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## Now Is Time In Good Year To Set Strawberry Plants

If you like strawberries, this is a good year to set out plants. And now's the time to prepare the planting site.

D. D. Hemphill, University of Missouri horticulturist, reports that midwest strawberry production this year will be off 50 percent from a year ago and 75 percent from two years ago. With reduced production, prices will be high. And although most people won't try harvesting berries from plants this spring . . . he says it can be done.

Hemphill suggests setting out virus-free plants which are available for the first time this year from nurseries cooperating with the U. S. Department of Agriculture in locating and increasing virus-free stock.

Normally, says Hemphill, strawberry plants are set 2½ to 3 feet apart in the row with rows spaced 4 feet apart. All blossoms are removed the first year to encourage early runner production. But if you want berries this spring from newly set plants, he suggested setting double row of plants with the plants 8 to 12 inches apart in the row. Mulch the plants to keep the berries off the ground.

After harvest, these plants will produce runners and make a matted row of plants for production next year.

**Suggest Fertilizing, Patching Waterways**

Now's an excellent time to get grass waterways in shape for spring and summer use, says a University of Missouri extension agricultural engineer.

Ralph Ricketts suggests fertilizing the waterways with about 50 pounds of nitrogen per acre to stimulate grass growth. He also points out that waterways with eroded areas need patching up to prevent further damage.

Ricketts suggests spot-sodding damaged waterways with bluegrass sod. Make a cut in the damaged area the same depth as the sod. Work up the soil to be sodded, put on a light application of mixed fertilizer, and tramp the sod in well. He adds that the grass will have greater chance of taking root if you water the sod thoroughly immediately after tramping it, and a week later if it hasn't rained by then. A safety factor would be to wire some of the sod down with large staples made of wire.

**Hat Materials**

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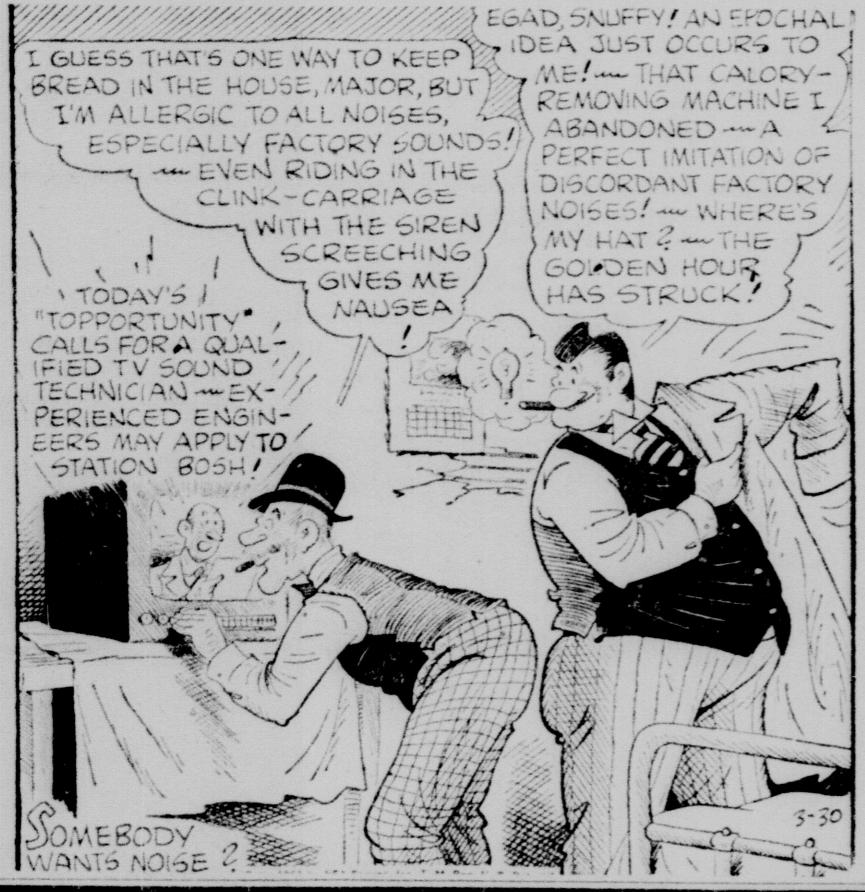
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## French Break Out In Battle, Kill 1,000 Vietminh

HANOI, Indochina (P-F) French Union forces broke out of their besieged fortress of Dien Bien Phu late yesterday and the high command said they killed 1,000 men of the Communist-led Vietminh entrenched in two villages about two miles from the western line of the dusty plain's defenses.

French army headquarters announced French tanks, artillery and infantry, under the fortress commander, Col. Christian de Castries, killed all Vietminh entrenched in two villages about two miles from the western line of the dusty plain's defenses.

It was the first major French counterattack since the Vietminh launched their great mass assault

on the key northwest Indochina outpost March 13.

During three days of wave-on-wave infantry charges, the withering French fire killed an estimated 3,000 and wounded another 9,000.

The Vietminh pulled back to regroup, presumably for more mass assaults. Since then they have kept up artillery bombardments from the hills surrounding the plain, while French artillery and aircraft harassed the rebels in the fringes.

The French command said in the attack yesterday their own forces had only "light losses" of about 20 killed, and had killed "every Vietminh soldier" found in the villages of Ban Ong Pet and Ban Ban.

They claimed they had smashed a long string of Vietminh antiaircraft batteries which for two weeks had been firing on the red cross-marked hospital planes with which the surrounded French had tried

to bring their wounded out of Dien Bien Phu.

THE SEDALIA DEMOCRAT—Sedalia, Mo., Mon., March 29, 1954 9

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## Dulles Talks Tonight to US On Commies

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. government's position on keeping Indochina out of Communist hands and holding the door against seating of Red China in the United Nations is up for restatement tonight, reportedly in tough terms.

The spokesman is Secretary of State Dulles. He will talk to the Overseas Press Club in New York, and to the nation by ABC radio and Du Mont television.

The broadcast is scheduled for 8 p.m., EST.

The administration has been focusing emphasis on this speech, which Dulles and President Eisenhower went over together in a long White House conference. A whole series of declarations within the past few days, from administration sources and others, has led up to it.

The United States is interested in maintaining stiff resistance against any deals on Indochina with which the Reds might try to tempt the French, some of whom are visibly wearying of the seven-year war. The Reds would be in position to spring such offers at the April 26 Far East conference in Geneva to be attended by representatives of the United States, Great Britain, France, Russia and Red China.

Another apparent U.S. objective is to take the question of recognition of Red China out of the conference bargaining by making this country's position unmistakable in advance.

Some members of Congress, especially, have expressed concern lest support build up for some proposal to arrange peace in Indochina in return for giving a U.N. seat to the Chinese Communist regime. Sen. H. Alexander Smith (R-NJ) said in an interview today he fears the British may back the French in such a proposal and try to exert extreme pressure on the United States. In New York yesterday Chairman Wiley (R-Wis) of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said he hoped "several of our allies" might hope for such an agreement at Geneva.

The President yesterday dispatched an unusual message to the governmental heads of France and Viet Nam, the Indochinese state directly concerned with the current fighting. The World War II Allied commander expressed for himself and the nation "most profound admiration for the brave and resourceful fight being waged . . . by troops from France, Viet Nam, and other parts of the French Union" in the battle now raging for the key fortress of Dien Bien Phu. The President asked his message be conveyed to the garrison commander, Col. Christian De Castries, whom he had already singled out for praise at his news conference Wednesday.

The President's gesture underlined a Defense Department announcement it is sending 25 more B-26 bombers and other supplies to the defenders of Indochina.

A House Foreign Affairs subcommittee on Saturday declared that any Allied attempt to seek a truce in Indochina would mean "appeasement equivalent to an Indochinese Munich." It called for accelerated U.S. military aid to the French and Indochinese and for continuing the conflict under the United Nations as an iterative one—a policy the French have opposed. It said a grant of

### LODGE NOTICES

IOOF Neapolis Lodge No. 153, meets every Tuesday at 7:30, Regular lodge business, March 30. Visitors always welcome.

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SOOB No. 23 will meet in special session Tuesday, March 30th at 2:00 p.m. Official visit of the Supreme Worthy President, Mrs. Harold Burns, conferring the degrees. Luncheon at 12 noon 75c per plate. For reservations call 2741.

Mrs. Harold Painter, Pres.

Mrs. James Franks, Rorder.

The annual election of officers of Post "F" T. P. A. of A will be held on Monday evening, March 29th at 7:30 p.m. at Hotel Bothwell. All members are urged to attend.

Leo E. Eickhoff, President.

Herbert A. Seifert, Secy.

Granite Lodge No. 272, A. F. & A. M. will meet in Special Communication Monday, March 29th at 7:30 p.m. Work in the F. C. degree. All FCs and Master Masons are invited to attend. A good attendance is requested. The place, Seventh and Osage.

J. A. Waterfield, W. M.

J. R. Smetana, Secy.

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**SCORE HIT AS SPIRITUAL QUARTET**—With their rousing recorded rendition of an old-time spiritual, "Do Lord," practice for their Easter Sunday appearance on TV's Comedy Hour. The vocalists, all members of the Hollywood Christian Group, are, from left, Beryl Davis, Connie Haines, Jane Russell (seated) and Rhonda Fleming. They're billed as the Four Girls and frequently appear before Los Angeles church groups. Their quartet earnings go to the church organizations. (AP Wirephoto)

### Bob Thomas In Hollywood--

## Movie Stars' Believe Fate Started the 'Hymn Singers'

By BOB THOMAS

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—The newest in show business is the most beautiful quartet of hymn singers ever assembled.

The foursome consists of recording stars Connie Haines and Beryl Davis and filmstars Jane Russell and Rhonda Fleming. The latter is subbing for singer Della Russell. The Four Girls, which is the title of the group, sing for youth groups of Los Angeles churches. And that isn't all. They'll appear with their spiritual songs on TV's Comedy Hour Easter Sunday.

Their record, "Do Lord," is the No. 2 seller in Los Angeles and is a hit in Pittsburgh, Minneapolis, throughout the South and other places it has been released. A rousing rendition of a 100-year-old spiritual, it has sold 180,000 discs and is still climbing.

I visited the girls in rehearsal at the home of Beryl, who is the wife of TV star Peter Potter. There were breaking in their new member, Rhonda, and such enthusiasm you have never seen. You'd think each of the girls had just won an Oscar.

"This harmonizing is new to me; I've always done solo work," said Rhonda, a Mormon.

"She has a beautiful soprano, and just the same range as Della," said Beryl, an Episcopalian.

"Our singing sounded like something awful when we first heard ourselves; but it's not bad when it's all put together," remarked Jane, a non-denominational Christian.

"This thing is bigger than all of us," agreed Connie, a Presbyterian.

Jane told how the whole thing came about. All the girls are members of the Hollywood Christian Group, a religious discussion outfit for show business people. It was formed five years ago by such figures as Jane, Connie, Roy Rogers, Dale Evans and Colleen Townsend, who gave up her acting career for a religious life with her minister husband, Dr. Louis Evans Jr.

"We girls were at Beryl's church on a fund-raising drive," Jane recalled. "Connie was going to sing, and Della and I were just going to take bows. We were down in the basement before the program, and Connie was singing a spiritual she knew, 'Do Lord.' She got us to join in, and we ended up singing it for the church group. They seemed to like it."

Then things started to happen, and it's kind of odd. Everything seemed to work out perfectly, and you can't tell me it was just an accident. I'm sure it's the Lord's doing.

In the first place, our voices blended perfectly. All of us were just two notes apart. For another thing, the record arrangement fell into place. I was free from any connections, and so was Beryl.

Both Connie and Della were tied up with Coral, so that was the place to go. And it just happened that I got my freedom to do TV, and the other girls were available too.

When Della had to drop out, Rhonda wanted to join us. Her voice was the same range as Della's. It couldn't all be coincidence."

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### Hal Boyle's Column...

## Elwin, the Tadpole, Who Became a Hopping Elephant

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP)—Once upon a time a tadpole named Elwin lived in a small pond away out in the sticks.

Elwin was different from the other little tadpoles. All they wanted to do was grow up and be big bullfrogs and sit on a lily pad and sing "Jug-o-rum, Jug-o-rum" all night long. But not Elwin. He wanted to make his mark in the world.

One day a strong wind blew a tattered old circus poster into the pond. The other tadpoles swam up and laughed at the pictures of the elephants on the poster. But not Elwin.

"That is the life for me," he decided. "I want to go places and see things. I'm going to be an elephant."

Elwin made the mistake of confessing his ambition to the other little tadpoles. And did they jeer at him! "Elwin's going to be an elephant," they chanted. "Elwin's going to be an elephant."

All the residents of the small pond laughed at Elwin except his mother, Matilda, and his father, Oswald J. Frog.

"I don't care what you become, Elwin," said his mother, comfortingly. "Just so you are good, and don't do anything to hurt your health."

But Oswald J. Frog was outraged. He was extremely pompous about his family tree, as his ancestor had been smuggled over on the Mayflower by a young Puritan lad.

"You are making us the laughing stock of the entire pond," he told his son coldly. "There hasn't been a scandal like this in the family since your great, great, grandfather — on your mother's side, naturally — ran away with a toad. I forbid you to be an elephant. Get that nonsense out of your head."

But Elwin was determined to be an elephant. When he began to change from a tadpole into a young frog, he kept pulling on his nose to make it longer and learned to blow water through it. He figured that to become an elephant he would have to eat like a horse, so he ate all he could.

At night he hopped into town to the public library and read every book he could find on elephants. All day long he took elephant-building exercises.

Little Elwin ate and he ate... and he grew and he grew... until finally, at last, he woke up one morning and found he was—an elephant.

At first Elwin was happy. His mother was proud of him, too. But his father told him angrily, "You're nothing but a freak."

The other frogs, his former playmates, cut him dead. Finally one told him frankly, "With all your big ideas, Elwin, don't you find this pond a little small?"

Elwin brooded and brooded. Then one night he packed all his belongings in a small bundle put it over his shoulder, hopped silently in and kissed his sleeping mother goodbye, and ran away to join a circus.

He thought the other elephants would welcome him. But they snubbed him.

"You have a strange accent," they told him. "And why can't you just trudge along like a decent

elephant? Why do you have to hop all the time?"

"If I can't join your troupe," said Elwin stubbornly, "I'll become a star in my own right."

And he did. He hired a smart manager and overnight "Elwin, the world's only hopping elephant" became world famous. The climax of his act came when he slid down a short slide, hopped over twelve barrels to each of which was fastened a pretty girl singing "Dixie" — and landed on his back feet, bowing gracefully.

When Elwin had become the wealthiest elephant in history, he received a telegram saying:

"Your old friends and neighbors

join me in asking you, our pond's

most illustrious son, to return and be the main speaker at a banquet to kickoff our annual community charity drive for aged amphibians.

Sorry we can't offer to pay your expenses. (signed) Mayor Frog."

"Gee, it would be fun to see the old home pond again, even though mother is dead," Elwin told his manager. "Charter me a plane."

Everybody in the pond was on hand to welcome Elwin. His wrinkled old father reached up and patted him on the back of his leg.

"Look, it's all a mistake," said Elwin. "No answer. He looked around wistfully and croaked,

"Jug-o-rum, Jug-o-rum. But there

was no reply. The pond was empty.

Heart-broken, Elwin returned to

the circus, made a farewell triumphal tour, then retired and bought an apartment on Park Avenue. He spent the rest of his life in it alone as a hermit elephant, reading his press clippings.

Moral: In this world a big heart

is rarely understood by small

minds.

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